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## Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

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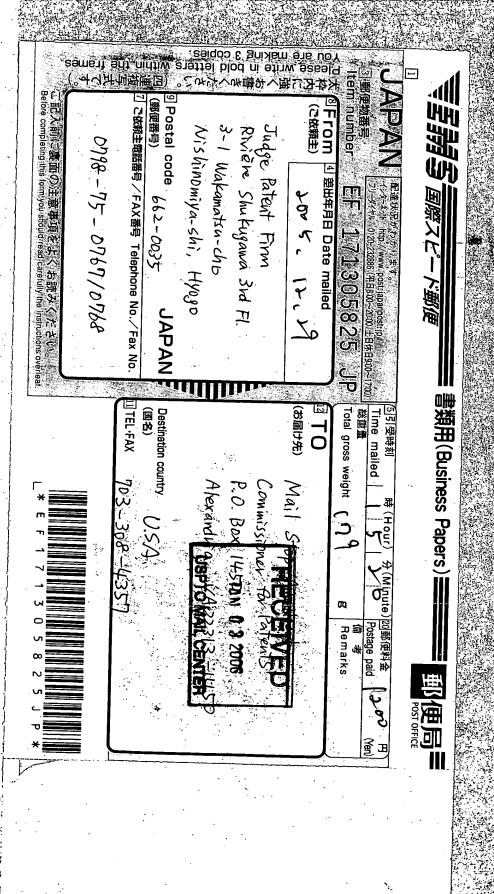
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